

PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE PEOPLE & THE PRESS
FEBRUARY 2013 POLITICAL SURVEY
FINAL TOPLINE
February 13-18, 2013
N=1,504

QUESTIONS 1-4, 7-8, 10-12, 15-20, 28 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED
NO QUESTIONS 5-6, 9, 13-14, 21, 24-27
QUESTIONS 22-23, HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE
NO QUESTIONS 24-27, 29-37

RANDOMIZE Q.38 AND Q.39

ASK ALL:

Now I have a few questions about the political parties... [First]

Q.38 The Republican Party. Do you think the Republican Party **[FIRST ITEM]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is out of touch with the American people Feb 13-18, 2013	62	33	4
	TREND FOR COMPARISON <i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... out of touch with the American people</i> CNN/Gallup: February, 1999	60	38	2
b.	Is too extreme Feb 13-18, 2013	52	42	5
	TREND FOR COMPARISON <i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Republican Party ... too extreme</i> CNN/Gallup: February, 1999	56	42	3
c.	Is open to change Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	5
d.	Has strong principles Feb 13-18, 2013	63	30	7
e.	Is looking out for the country's long-term future Feb 13-18, 2013	45	50	5

RANDOMIZE Q.38 AND Q.39

ASK ALL:

[Now thinking about...]

Q.39 The Democratic Party. Do you think the Democratic Party **[FIRST ITEM]** or not?

		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	(VOL.) <u>DK/Ref</u>
a.	Is out of touch with the American people Feb 13-18, 2013	46	50	5
	TREND FOR COMPARISON <i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... out of touch with the American people</i> CNN/Gallup: February, 1999	41	57	2

Q.39 CONTINUED...

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>
b. Is too extreme Feb 13-18, 2013	39	56	6
TREND FOR COMPARISON			
<i>Please tell me whether you think each of the following descriptions applies or does not apply to the Democratic Party ... too extreme</i>			
<i>CNN/Gallup: February, 1999</i>	39	57	3
c. Is open to change Feb 13-18, 2013	58	38	4
d. Has strong principles Feb 13-18, 2013	57	37	6
e. Is looking out for the country's long-term future Feb 13-18, 2013	51	45	4

QUESTIONS 40-42, 61-64 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTIONS 43-47, 55-60

QUESTIONS 48-54 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?

ASK IF INDEP/NO PREF/OTHER/DK/REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>(VOL.) No preference</u>	<u>(VOL.) Other party</u>	<u>(VOL.) DK/Ref</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
Feb. 13-18, 2013	22	32	41	2	*	2	15	19
Jan 9-13, 2013	25	32	38	2	*	2	15	16
Dec 17-19, 2012	21	32	38	4	*	4	15	14
Dec 5-9, 2012	23	33	38	3	1	2	14	19
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2012	26	34	34	3	1	3	13	16
Oct 24-28, 2012	28	33	33	4	*	2	12	16
Oct 4-7, 2012	27	31	36	3	1	3	15	15
Sep 12-16, 2012	24	35	36	2	*	2	14	16
Jul 16-26, 2012	22	33	38	4	*	3	14	15
Jun 28-Jul 9, 2012	24	33	37	3	*	3	15	17
Jun 7-17, 2012	24	33	39	2	*	2	17	17
May 9-Jun 3, 2012	24	32	36	4	*	4	13	14
Apr 4-15, 2012	24	31	39	3	*	2	15	15
Mar 7-11, 2012	24	34	36	3	1	2	16	17
Feb 8-12, 2012	26	32	36	4	1	2	13	17
Yearly Totals								
2012	24.7	32.6	36.4	3.1	.5	2.7	14.4	16.1
2011	24.3	32.3	37.4	3.1	.4	2.5	15.7	15.6
2010	25.2	32.7	35.2	3.6	.4	2.8	14.5	14.1
2009	23.9	34.4	35.1	3.4	.4	2.8	13.1	15.7
2008	25.7	36.0	31.5	3.6	.3	3.0	10.6	15.2
2007	25.3	32.9	34.1	4.3	.4	2.9	10.9	17.0
2006	27.8	33.1	30.9	4.4	.3	3.4	10.5	15.1
2005	29.3	32.8	30.2	4.5	.3	2.8	10.3	14.9
2004	30.0	33.5	29.5	3.8	.4	3.0	11.7	13.4
2003	30.3	31.5	30.5	4.8	.5	2.5	12.0	12.6
2002	30.4	31.4	29.8	5.0	.7	2.7	12.4	11.6
2001	29.0	33.2	29.5	5.2	.6	2.6	11.9	11.6
2001 Post-Sept 11	30.9	31.8	27.9	5.2	.6	3.6	11.7	9.4
2001 Pre-Sept 11	27.3	34.4	30.9	5.1	.6	1.7	12.1	13.5

PARTY/PARTYLN CONTINUED...

				(VOL.)	(VOL.)	(VOL.)	Lean	Lean
	Republican	Democrat	Independent	No preference	Other party	DK/Ref	Rep	Dem
2000	28.0	33.4	29.1	5.5	.5	3.6	11.6	11.7
1999	26.6	33.5	33.7	3.9	.5	1.9	13.0	14.5
1998	27.9	33.7	31.1	4.6	.4	2.3	11.6	13.1
1997	28.0	33.4	32.0	4.0	.4	2.3	12.2	14.1
1996	28.9	33.9	31.8	3.0	.4	2.0	12.1	14.9
1995	31.6	30.0	33.7	2.4	.6	1.3	15.1	13.5
1994	30.1	31.5	33.5	1.3	--	3.6	13.7	12.2
1993	27.4	33.6	34.2	4.4	1.5	2.9	11.5	14.9
1992	27.6	33.7	34.7	1.5	0	2.5	12.6	16.5
1991	30.9	31.4	33.2	0	1.4	3.0	14.7	10.8
1990	30.9	33.2	29.3	1.2	1.9	3.4	12.4	11.3
1989	33	33	34	--	--	--	--	--
1987	26	35	39	--	--	--	--	--

ASK REPUBLICANS AND REPUBLICAN LEANERS ONLY (PARTY=1 OR PARTYLN=1) [N=610]:

TEAPARTY3 From what you know, do you agree or disagree with the Tea Party movement, or don't you have an opinion either way?

Feb 13-18		Jan 9-13
<u>2013</u>		<u>2013</u>
36	Agree	35
9	Disagree	10
52	No opinion either way	51
1	Haven't heard of (VOL.)	2
3	Refused (VOL.)	2